

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) A method for applying electrolyte in the manufacture of a battery, comprising applying the electrolyte to a surface in a battery container, the electrolyte being in the form of a spray formed by a vibratory nebulizer, wherein the surface is defined by a separator including a cellulose material.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein an average droplet size of the spray is about 5 micron to about 30 micron.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the spray velocity is about 3 to about 5 inch/sec.

19-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 comprising applying the electrolyte such that substantial pooling of the electrolyte in the bottom of the container is avoided.

22-50. (Canceled).

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the spray has an average drop size of about 1 micron to about 75 microns.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the spray has a velocity of about 10 inch/sec or less.

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53-62. (Cancelled).

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, comprising moving an end of the vibratory nebulizer along a length of [[a]] the battery container.

64-65. (Cancelled).